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Section 1 and 2 – Alconbury & Ellington to East Coast Main Line
Section 3 - East Coast Main Line to Swavesey
Sections 4 and 5 - Swavesey to Milton
Section 6 – Huntingdon

Traffic Management:

Sections 1 and 2: Overnight closures of the A1 are scheduled to take place as follow:

Northbound
Buckden to Alconbury - Monday 4 to Friday 8 November and Monday 11 November
Brampton Hut to Alconbury - Saturday 9 November
Buckden to Brampton Hut – Tuesday 12 to Friday 15 November

Southbound
Alconbury to Brampton Hut - Wednesday 6 and Thursday 7 November, Monday 11 and Tuesday 12 November, Tuesday 19 and Wednesday 20 November
Alconbury to Buckden – Wednesday 13 November
Brampton Hut to Buckden – Thursday 14 and Friday 15 November

Overnight closures of the A14 are scheduled to take place as follows:
Eastbound
Ellington (J20) to Brampton Hut (J21) Monday 4 to Friday 29 November (open during weekends)

Westbound
Brampton Hut (J21) to Ellington (J20) – Monday 11 to Friday 15 November and Monday 18 to Friday 22 November

Section 3: The A1198 Ermine Street will be closed on Saturday 16 November and Sunday 17 at the bridge and junction with the new A14 between 7 am and 7pm for the surfacing of paths and other finishing work.

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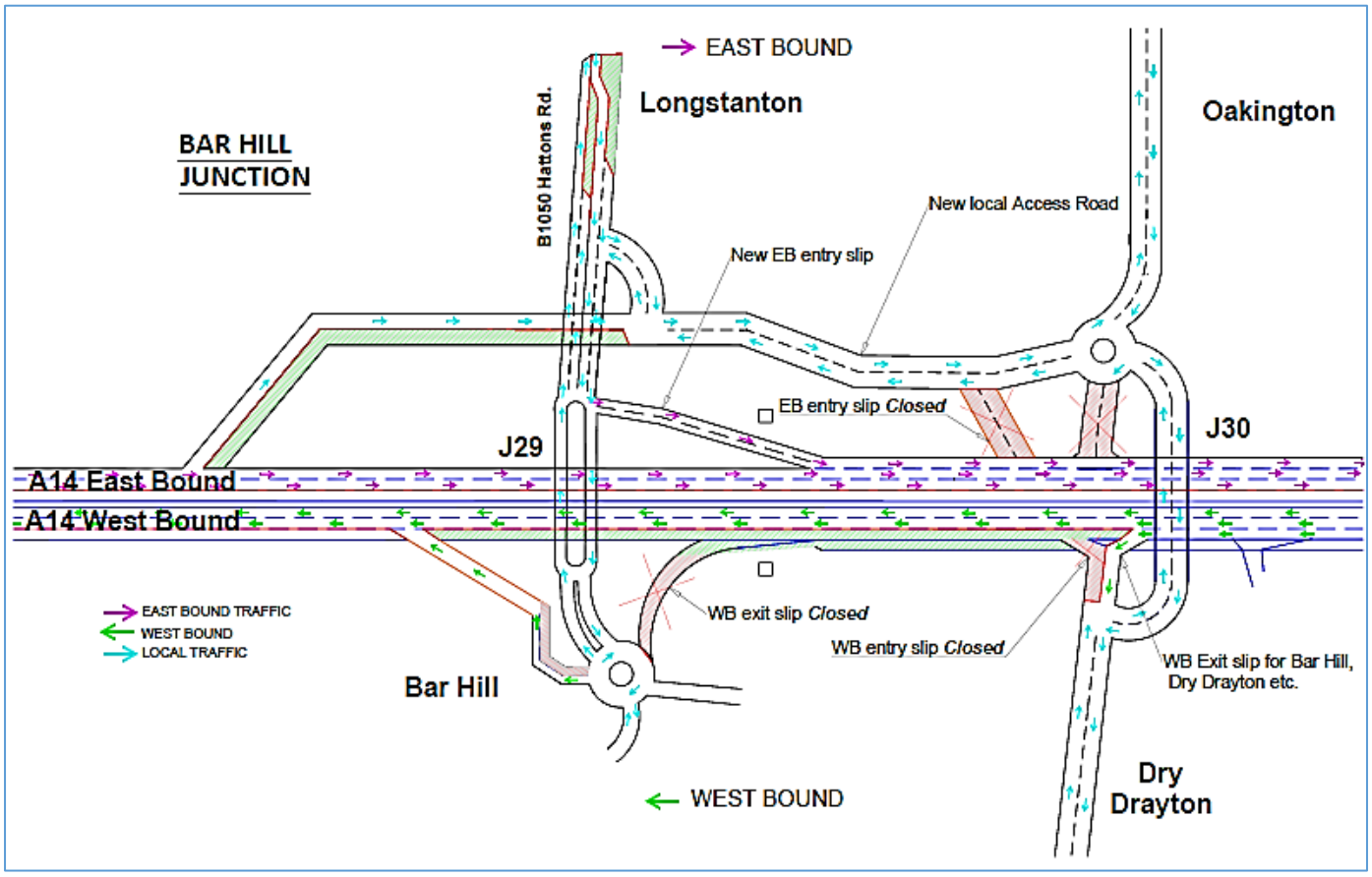
Section 4: The new Lolworth bridge, pictured above, was opened to traffic to and from village on 4 November. Eventually, the bridge will be accessible from the local access road, however for now, the bridge will be accessible from the eastbound A14.

On Thursday 7 November, the second of the new Bar Hill bridges will open, meaning the new roundabout at Bar Hill will be fully operational.

From 5 am on Monday 11 November, the following changes will be in place:

- The local road between Bar Hill and Oakington will become two-way
- A14 westbound entry slip at Dry Drayton (junction 30) closes
- A14 westbound exit slip at Bar Hill (junction 29) closes, until January 2020
- A14 eastbound entry slip at Oakington (junction 30) closes
- A14 eastbound entry slip at Bar Hill (junction 29) will open from new roundabout

These changes and the new layout are illustrated below:



For travel on the westbound A14

If you're travelling to Dry Drayton, Oakington, Bar Hill, Longstanton and Northstowe, you'll exit the A14 at junction 30 (Dry Drayton).

Those travelling to Bar Hill, Longstanton and Northstowe will cross the A14 on Dry Drayton bridge, turn left at the roundabout and continue west along the new two-way

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local road towards junction 29 (Bar Hill), where you'll turn right towards B1050 Hattons Road to continue to your destination.

If you wish to access the westbound A14 from Oakington and Dry Drayton you can travel either west along the new two-way local road to junction 29 (Bar Hill) and join from there, or east along the local road past the crematorium and join the westbound A14 via the Girton entry slip.

For travel on the eastbound A14
If you wish to join the eastbound A14 from Oakington and Dry Drayton, travel west along the local road, turn right towards B1050 Hattons Road to join the eastbound A14 via the new entry slip road from junction 29 (Bar Hill).

If you wish to join the eastbound A14 from Bar Hill, Longstanton and Northstowe, you'll be able to use the new entry slip road from junction 29 (Bar Hill).

Section 5: Weekend work on eastbound slip road at the junction 32 roundabout at Histon will be carried out between 8 to 10 November. Night closures of the main A14 carriageway will take place in early November as work continues on the widening of the carriageways and the Impington and King Hedges bridges.

Construction activities:

New Ellington junction to Swavesey (Huntingdon southern by-pass) will open to traffic on the 9 December, with the last few operations to be completed outlined below.

Sections 1 & 2: Surfacing is nearing completion on the new A14 bypass and the links to the A1. White lining, permanent signs and testing the gantries technology is being completed. Permanent barriers are being installed between the original and new Ellington junctions, which will enable the removal of the current narrowed lanes.
On the A1, barriers and fences will be installed around the Alconbury slip roads, and on the path running down the west side of the A1. Final surfacing of this path will allow the northbound A1 to run freely on all three lanes.

Section 3: Work including the erection of signs and lighting, safety barriers, gantry commissioning and white lining, will continue in readiness for the opening of the new bypass on 9 December.

Once the new bypass is opened, junction numbers will change on the A14 between New Ellington and Bar Hill. Will we share this information, as well as possible junction movements for each junction and information about how the traffic flows will be managed on the new road soon. Look out for the information, which will help everyone prepare for driving on the new bypass. Work on side roads and the bridges crossing the new road continues and includes the completion of slip roads, installation of permanent signs and surfacing of paths on the A1198 Ermine Street junction.

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The last bridge in Section 3, at New Barns Lane, will be opened after traffic has moved from the existing A14 to the new A14 bypass in December. This will minimise disruption to traffic when the New Barns Lane carriageway is tied i to the old A14.

Rapid progress is being made in the planting of thousands of trees, shrubs and hedgerows in Sections 1,2 and 3.

Sections 4: Construction of the new slip roads at the Bar Hill roundabout system is progressing at pace, as shown below.

Now that eastbound traffic can travel along the new section of carriageway, we're making good progress with work on the new local access road between Swavesey and Bar Hill. The construction of new drainage systems and the westbound carriageway can be seen alongside the golf course between dry Drayton and Bar Hill.

Section 5: Work to widen the carriageway and bridges between junction 32, Histon and junction 33, Milton continue. The picture below shows the work in progress to strengthen the bridge over the guided busway and widen the A14 carriageway near Orchard Park.

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Section 6: Utilities diversions, drainage work and vegetation clearance continue on Hinchingbrooke Park road and footpath closures and diversions remain in place.

Construction work also continues on the pond within the Hinchingbrooke loop and night time closures for drainage installation ended on 3 November.

During November, we'll be installing safety 'goalposts' over the B1514, Brampton road to reduce the risk of vehicles striking the viaduct. These will be erected over two weeks, starting on 18 November and will be in place for approximately 18 months while the viaduct is removed.

During this phase of the works, a small section of the southern footpath (see red line below) on Brampton road between the steps to the station and the pedestrian crossing at Station Access Road, will be closed. Please follow the diversion route signs.

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Community News:

On an historic day for world athletics, when Eliud Kipchoge ran 26.3 miles in under 2 hours, the unique **A14 Great Ouse Challenge (GOC)** saw records set, which will stand forever. On a somewhat soggy Saturday morning, 60 A14 volunteers welcomed over 1400 cyclists and runners of all ages and abilities to ride and run along a stretch of the new Huntingdon by-pass.

Events started early with a time-trial, when serious road cyclists sped along a 14km course at top speed. Wheelchair, hand-cycle and recumbent competitors were next, followed by hundreds of adults and children, aged between four and 74, all navigating the smooth, new surface over the river Great Ouse viaduct towards A1198 Ermine Street and back. Upon finishing, every participant was rewarded with a specially-designed medal and souvenir water bottle, pictures of which appeared all over Facebook and Twitter later that day.

The afternoon's 14km run was won by a Huntingdon Athletics Club entrant, finishing in 49 minutes, a course record which no one will ever be able to better. Some 309 runners of all ages completed this longer course, while 233 finished the 7km distance, the record for which was 22.57 mins, set by a local triathlete. Registration alone raised £17,000 which will be shared equally by our project charities, the East Anglian Air Ambulance and East Anglia's Children's Hospice.

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Whilst we don't know just how much everyone who did the event for charity raised, we can share a couple of stories. One two-year-old girl, whose dad is recovering from a stroke, ran the 1.4km children's event with her mum and raised over £2,200 for a stroke charity, while another child cycled for Hedgehog Preservation, raising £530.

The day's most unexpected moment was a proposal of marriage at the end of the run; happily, the shocked bride-to-be said 'Yes'.

Thank you to everyone, competitors and supporters alike, for making this unique event a resounding success.

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